

needed, with an emphasis on the provision of visitor services. On this matter, the committee directs the BLM to work cooperatively with Kane and Garfield Counties and the State of Utah in accommodating the diverse range of visitor expectations. The agency should look first to the capabilities and expertise of local citizens, private and government entities in addressing the issue of safety, access, and maintenance of the areas visited by the public. The two impacted counties have already signed cooperative agreements with the BLM outlining the goals, expectations and deliverables and defining the counties' participation in the planning process. The reports I have received of this cooperative effort have been encouraging.

The committee is appropriating ample funds to continue the development of a management plan and allow the continuation of the existing cooperative agreements with Kane and Garfield Counties. However, the committee has expressed that the cooperative relationship must not be limited to the management plan, as it has been already expanded to include some short-range search and rescue and other related concerns.

Mr. President, regarding the ever critical matter of schools, President Clinton assured the people of Utah that "the creation of this monument will not come at expense of Utah's children" and that once land exchanges were underway, "the differences in valuation will be resolve in favor of the school Trust." However, the committee rightly so, has expressed its concern that the Department of Interior may be undervaluing school trust lands within the monument. We have been very specific in our instructions to the BLM that this is unacceptable.

In closing, I would like again to thank my distinguished colleagues, Senators GORTON and BYRD and their staff for their assistance in forging the directives that will guide the BLM and the Department of Interior in the planning and management of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in the next fiscal year.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, September 12, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,415,082,668,733.48. (Five trillion, four hundred fifteen billion, eighty-two million, six hundred sixty-eight thousand, seven hundred thirty-three dollars and forty-eight cents)

One year ago, September 12, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,216,902,000,000 (Five trillion, two hundred sixteen billion, nine hundred two million)

Twenty-five years ago, September 12, 1972, the Federal debt stood at \$436,267,000,000 (Four hundred thirty-six billion, two hundred sixty-seven million) which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$5 trillion—\$4,978,815,668,733.48 (Four trillion, nine hundred seventy-eight billion, eight hundred fifteen million, six hundred sixty-eight thousand, seven hundred thirty-three dollars and forty-eight cents) during the past 25 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 343. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Mongolia (Rept. No. 105-81).

S. 747. A bill to amend trade laws and related provisions to clarify the designation of normal trade relations (Rept. No. 105-82).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 1175. A bill to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission for 10 additional years; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1176. A bill to guarantee that Federal agencies identify State agencies and counties as cooperating agencies when fulfilling their environmental planning responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1177. A bill to prohibit the exhibition of B-2 and F-117 aircraft in public air shows not sponsored by the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. REED, Mr. GORTON, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 1178. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and for other purposes; read twice.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COATS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FORD, Mr. GLENN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Res. 122. A resolution declaring September 26, 1997, as "Austrian-American Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1176. A bill to guarantee that Federal agencies identify State agencies and counties as cooperating agencies when fulfilling their environmental planning responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. THOMAS. Madam President, I come to the floor to introduce a piece of legislation which I will submit. It is called the State and Local Participation Act of 1997.

What I would like to do, Madam President, is to introduce a bill that would provide for the opportunity for State, local, and county agencies to participate in the National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA]. This bill is to guarantee that local agencies have